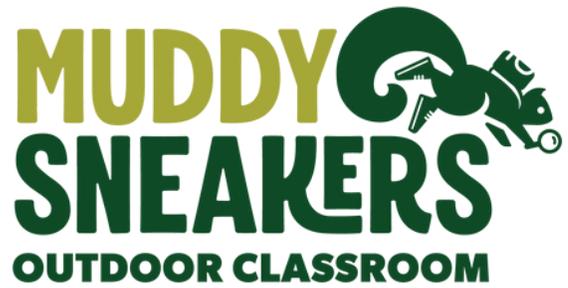


# Participant Safety Policies



Providing a safe learning environment for all participants is Muddy Sneakers' top priority.

Field Instructors will review emergency procedures to empower participants to think critically about their own well-being and make appropriate decisions to maintain their own safety and comfort in the woods, including:

- Discovering an active bees' nest
- Seeing a snake
- Encountering unanticipated weather

Thanks for your support in the instruction of and, when needed, implementation of these emergency procedures.

*All Field Instructors are First Aid/CPR-certified.*



## HOW SHOULD I DRESS?

- Closed-toe shoes
- Weather-appropriate attire
- Sunscreen/bug spray (optional); apply prior to arrival

## WHAT SHOULD I PACK?

- Lunch/snacks
- 2 full bottles of water
- Pen/pencil & notebook
- Extra layers of clothing
- Sunscreen/bug spray (optional)



## A NOTE ABOUT WEATHER PREPAREDNESS

If Muddy Sneakers staff deems conditions unsafe, we will cancel the program. However, due to the nature of outdoor learning, participants may encounter various weather conditions.

Physical comfort and safety is critical; therefore, if unpreparedness poses a significant or immediate safety concern, participants will not be permitted to participate.

*If there are significant participant barriers to weather preparedness that cannot be solved within your group's community, please contact Muddy Sneakers to discuss options/support.*

# PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

Muddy Sneakers serves as an extension of a participant's education. As such, participants are expected to conduct themselves according to the expectations for their educational environments.

## PLEASE DO

- ✓ Follow instructors' directions the first time.
- ✓ Stay with the group.
- ✓ Run only when permitted & appropriate.
- ✓ Be prepared to learn, with all resources expected for the program.
- ✓ Show respect to the environment, instructors, chaperones, peers & self.
- ✓ Be engaged during lessons & activities.
- ✓ Take care of supplies/gear.

## DO NOT

- ✗ Talk while the instructor, another adult, or peer is speaking.
- ✗ Engage in rough play and/or disrespect towards others.



## CONSEQUENCES

Behavior that negatively affects Muddy Sneakers' daily objectives (safety, learning, fun) may result in removal from current & future programs.



## PARTICIPANT BEHAVIOR STRATEGIES

Please share any behavior management strategies that have been successful for your group with your Muddy Sneakers Lead Instructor, so these practices may be continued in the field.

If you use methods to get attention or rewards and consequences for your group, it can be helpful for instructors to use the same expectations and language during programs.